

I BOAT NJ Program

The **I BOAT NJ** Program seeks to benefit the boating public by promoting, improving and enhancing the marine industry in New Jersey through grant funding financed by the FY 2003 vessel registration fee increase.

I BOAT NJ projects must be beneficial to the general boating public and must be directed at planning, developing, constructing, improving, advocating, or otherwise assisting the boating and marine trade industry in New Jersey. Grant funding will be awarded based upon the number of qualified applicants and the amount of funds available in a given fiscal year.

Upon the selection of a project for program funding, a Memorandum of Agreement will be necessary. Applicants may be eligible for project funding in categories that include, but are not limited to:

- **Development/Redevelopment**
- **Safety**
- **Environmental Enhancement**
- **Maritime/Marine Trade Advocacy**
- **Education**

Criteria

A selection committee will review all applications. **I BOAT NJ** projects will be considered for grant funding based on the following criteria:

- Applicability to the boating community at large
- Benefits to the local community
- Community involvement/local support/partnership
- Creative planning and concepts
- Economic costs/benefits
- Feasibility
- Merit
- Prior design/level of effort
- Extent to which the project fulfills the **I BOAT NJ** Program mission
- Marinas and marine facilities should have signed the Clean Marina Program pledge or have achieved the status of Certified NJ Clean Marina.

Selected projects will be required to conform to all state laws. Most grants will be subject to a hard match requirement. A hard match is an actual monetary contribution toward the project.

Projects that may be eligible for other federal, state, or local specific grant programs are expected to first apply for funds from such grant programs as applicable, for example, the Clean Vessel Act Program.

Grant Application Process

The New Jersey Department of Transportation's Office of Maritime Resources is currently accepting Expressions of Interest forms (part-one of a two-part competitive process) for **I BOAT NJ**. Proposals are reviewed twice annually: in February and August. Expression of Interest forms are accepted on a rolling basis. Please see www.njdot.nj.gov/works/maritime for current program information.

Part 1 — Expression of Interest

Applicants should submit Expression of Interest to the NJDOT Office of Maritime Resources at the address below. A separate Expression of Interest must be submitted for each project. Expression of Interest forms are available from www.njdot.nj.gov/works/maritime/

Part 2 — Proposal

Applicants who submit a satisfactory Expression of Interest will be notified in writing to submit a formal written Proposal. Applicants who submit a deficient Expression of Interest will be given the opportunity to resubmit.

Guidelines

- Projects shall be maritime, marine or marine trade related in nature and must promote, improve, and enhance the marine industry in New Jersey for the benefit of the general boating public.
- “Non-port” projects within port districts are eligible to apply.

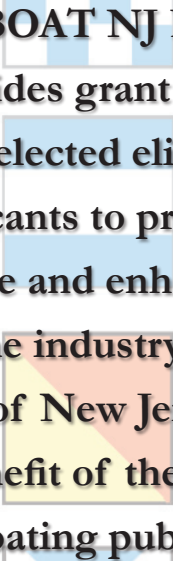
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- Projects should be completed within three years.
- Projects that require State/Federal permits should, at minimum, have scheduled a Joint Pre-Application meeting with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- Budget estimates should include: amount of grant funds requested, overall project costs, line-item estimates, and source(s) of additional funding.
- A State Licensed Professional Engineer must approve all construction plans.
- Private entities may apply for **I BOAT NJ** funding so long as the project is open to the public for a non-profit purpose. Restrictions may apply and a legal interpretation may be required.



Enjoy a day on New Jersey's waterways.



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